

**Table 23. Selected southern metropolitan statistical areas: Average annual expenditures and characteristics, Consumer Expenditure Survey, 1994-95**

<b>Item</b>	<b>All consumer units in the South</b>	<b>Washington, D.C.</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Atlanta</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Dallas-Fort Worth</b>	<b>Houston</b>
Number of consumer units (in thousands)	34,772	1,305	935	1,355	1,241	1,593	1,434
<b>Consumer unit characteristics:</b>							
<b>Income before taxes <sup>1</sup></b>	\$33,781	\$54,127	\$45,752	\$46,809	\$36,040	\$37,360	\$41,183
<b>Age of reference person</b>	47.7	44.0	48.4	44.8	48.2	42.8	44.3
<b>Average number in consumer unit:</b>							
Persons	2.5	2.4	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.6
Children under 18	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8
Persons 65 and over	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
Earners	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.4	1.4
Vehicles	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.9	1.4	1.9	1.9
Percent homeowner	66.0	60.0	64.0	61.0	59.0	48.0	54.0
<b>Average annual expenditures:</b>							
<b>Food</b>	\$30,180	\$41,823	\$35,004	\$40,254	\$31,757	\$38,785	\$38,339
Food at home	4,262	4,950	4,483	4,720	4,700	5,299	5,709
Cereals and bakery products	2,622	2,437	2,758	2,458	2,733	3,018	3,277
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	403	391	387	373	382	470	477
Dairy products	748	514	937	711	854	796	996
Fruits and vegetables	271	278	279	257	292	306	314
Other food at home	411	425	436	406	481	492	507
Food away from home	789	829	720	711	725	954	983
Alcoholic beverages	1,639	2,513	1,724	2,262	1,967	2,280	2,432
<b>Housing</b>	252	443	425	371	287	518	313
Shelter	9,173	14,444	12,264	12,309	10,862	11,570	10,671
Owned dwellings	4,792	9,260	7,711	7,178	6,247	6,250	5,589
Rented dwellings	2,971	6,000	5,447	4,600	3,630	3,058	3,013
Other lodging	1,514	2,580	1,744	2,097	2,411	2,874	2,152
Utilities, fuels, and public services	307	680	520	481	206	317	424
Household operations	2,266	2,379	2,262	2,611	2,260	2,579	2,588
Housekeeping supplies	512	746	652	611	629	696	749
Household furnishings and equipment	382	424	360	383	316	414	437
<b>Apparel and services</b>	1,221	1,634	1,280	1,526	1,410	1,631	1,307
<b>Transportation</b>	1,564	2,088	1,459	2,451	1,563	2,150	2,413
Vehicle purchases (net outlay)	6,091	6,771	5,653	8,335	6,137	7,843	8,168
Gasoline and motor oil	2,900	2,799	2,392	4,235	2,438	3,508	4,151
Other vehicle expenses	1,033	1,005	916	990	962	1,270	1,165
Public transportation	1,883	2,304	2,013	2,676	2,202	2,661	2,438
Other	276	664	332	433	535	404	415
<b>Health care</b>	1,821	1,783	1,820	2,222	1,386	1,832	2,035
<b>Entertainment</b>	1,438	2,136	1,445	2,145	1,406	1,958	1,621
<b>Personal care products and services</b>	386	526	433	451	447	512	490
<b>Reading</b>	135	246	139	211	125	160	149
<b>Education</b>	420	999	753	594	440	670	394

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<b>Tobacco products and smoking supplies</b>	277	151	241	214	203	331	206
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	702	797	816	895	815	1,157	904
<b>Cash contributions</b>	952	1,479	919	1,587	578	932	1,325
<b>Personal insurance and pensions</b>	2,707	5,012	4,156	3,750	2,808	3,852	3,942
Life and other personal insurance	412	484	571	569	308	578	438
Pensions and Social Security	2,295	4,529	3,585	3,181	2,500	3,275	3,504

<sup>1</sup> Components of income and taxes are derived from "complete income reporters" only; see glossary at <http://stats.bls.gov/csxgloss.htm>

**Note:** All values have been rounded, and therefore some rounded values equal zero. When data are not reported or are not applicable (i.e., missing values), values are set to zero.

**Note:** Some data are likely to have large sampling errors